



February 1st 2021

Beginning of New Semester This Week: (Please See Attachments)

Parents/Guardians please be sure to read the attached links for information regarding the end of the current semester schedule which ended on Thursday January 28th and the "Soft Start" schedule for the new semester which begins on Monday February 1st.

Principal Wilson

Yearbooks On Sale Now: Deadline to order has been extended to Feb. 4th
Please see the attached flyer for ordering instructions.

Don't miss out on this unique yearbook that will reflect this challenging and historic year in a creative and exciting way. Go to the SchoolPay button on our school website to submit your order now!

A Message from Vice Principal Sara Callies Regarding AP Chemistry

I am sharing an update regarding student interest in AP Chemistry for next year. Due to technical difficulties, the info session did not happen this month. Here is a flyer with general information. If you wish to forecast for AP Chemistry next year be sure to read the flyer and pay attention to the instructions regarding the contract completion at the bottom of the flyer. Preference will be given to current juniors after forecasting, but some juniors may be able to take this course along with the required Biology class based on space available. You must respond to the flyer in order to receive your contract, which is due on February 5th (deadline date for AP Chemistry ONLY, all other AP courses are still due January 25th)

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1nSwC_3GFpW1Nm9V7wwBKtDi6AdOo1bv978JGJx9uBs/edit?usp=sharing

Benson Tech College Newsletter

Parents/Guardians please be sure to open up the attachment "College Newsletter" for important information regarding resources, important dates and support for college and post secondary education.

Thanks

Kathleen Reid

College Counselor/AVID Coordinator

***Please be sure to follow me
on Twitter***

@BensonTechPride

**PPS Website For Up To
Date Information &
Resources for the 2020-21
school year.**

Pps.net/fall2020

***Please be sure to go to the
BHS Website as
www.bensonhs.net for
school information as it
becomes relevant.***

Parents/Guardians

***Please click on the link
below to read about
updated information
regarding the District's
New Attendance Policy***

***District's New Attendance
Code Policy***

***Benson Tech Weekly
Athletic Update***

Please Click Here

A Message from the BHS Athletic Department

All in-person athletic activities are cancelled next week (February 1-6) as the PIL prepares for OSAA Season 2. We appreciate your flexibility and understanding as we continue to plan re-opening of competitive athletics.

All student-athletes must complete sport specific registration for Season 2.

Registration for Football will open Tuesday, February 2nd, and all other Season 2 (Cross Country, Boys and Girls Soccer, and Volleyball) will open on Monday, February 8th.

Scott Archer

Benson Athletics

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A Message from Benson's Instructional Specialists

Hello Benson Tech Students, Parents, and Families,

Starting on February 15th, 2021, Benson Tech students will have the opportunity to retrieve credits they are missing in order to fulfill all State, District and Board of Education requirements for graduation. If your student is credit deficient, our Counselors will be reaching out to students, parents and families to discuss this amazing opportunity. This in-house credit retrieval program at Benson Tech will be led by our Instructional Facilitator, Daniel Garcia. Teachers, Mentors, and Counselors will be involved throughout this process in order to guide our students towards successful completion of credits/standards needed. Please contact Daniel Garcia with any additional questions.

Daniel Garcia

Google Voice: (503) 298-5093

Parents/Guardians

Please be sure to pass this message onto your students.

Please note that the Advisory Class in StudentVue and ParentVue is a place holder in which you all will begin to receive important announcements and information regarding forecasting for the next school year but please note that this is not an actual attendance/graded course for a students transcripts or schedule.

Please be on the lookout for a new Canvas course to appear in the student's Canvas Dashboard page in January.

Thanks,

Sara Callies (she/her/hers)
Curriculum Vice Principal

A Message from the BHS Math Department

Need help with math? Tutoring is now available M/W/Th/F from 3:15 - 4:15 using the Google Meet code: bhsmathtutoring

We look forward to seeing you and answering your questions!

BHS Math Department

Textbook Distribution

Please note the Librarian Assistant Irma Johnson will be able to pass out Textbooks on Wednesday February 3rd, 10th, 17th & 24th in the Horseshoe Parking Lot area from 12:30pm to 3:00pm. Students can also use this time to return textbooks back to the school as well. The Horseshoe Parking Lot area is located off of 15th street in the back of the school. Once you pull into the one-way lot you will see a door that will be open to the DMP room where you can walk up and be handed your textbooks. Please be sure that you have your masks on and remain outside in the horseshoe lot area during the transaction.

Irma Johnson

Librarian Assistant

A Message from Benson's HOSA Advisor (Please See Attached Flyer)

Dear Benson Tech Community,

Benson HOSA - Future Health Professionals is partnering with Bloodworks Northwest to host a 2 week virtual blood drive from January 25th to February 8th, 2021. This blood drive is a fundraising event to raise money for students to attend the 2021 Oregon HOSA State Conference in March. Please support our HOSA students by scheduling an appointment to donate blood and sharing this information with others. See the Benson Virtual Drive Flyer for more information. Below are dates to our 2 week blood drive, locations, and links to schedule your appointment. Note: When you arrive to donate, please let Bloodworks know your donation is for Benson High School and provide our school code 4437. If you have any questions, send your message to ipadua@pps.net

Feb 1, 2, 8: DoubleTree by Hilton (Beaverton)

<https://schedule.bloodworksnw.org/DonorPortal/GroupLanding.aspx?s=670b>

Feb 5, 6: DoubleTree by Hilton (Vancouver)

<https://schedule.bloodworksnw.org/DonorPortal/GroupLanding.aspx?s=732b>

Thank you,

Irynne Padua

Health Science Instructor

Asian Cultural Club Advisor

HOSA Advisor

Benson Polytechnic High School

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Rose Festival Information Session

****NEW**** Rose Festival Interest Meeting Dates

NEW DATES: All info and program overview combined for students, their parents, (and/or any school admins who are curious!)

Tuesday, February 9, 7pm

Thursday, February 18, 7pm

Saturday, February 20, 1pm

Students can [SIGN UP HERE](#) to be sent the meeting link.

Please contact Ms. Melissa Brabham at mbrabham@pps.net if you need more information

Melissa Brabham

VP Secretary

Benson Tech Rose Festival Coordinator

Messages from Benson's Youth Career/Transition Coordinator Kia Swain

Plug into Portland program, are providing **free** desktop computers to K-12 students who meet their eligibility requirements. Plug into Portland are also prioritizing **houseless students, students with accessibility needs, and low-income students**. Here is the application to fill out in order to **apply for a computer**: [Plug into Portland application](#).

An adult and/or not a K-12 student and they're in need of a computer, we might be able to grant them a desktop computer through our Adoption program. Previously individuals (16 and older) could volunteer at Free Geek for 24 hours and earn a computer, but since COVID-19, Free Geek has been closed for volunteering so instead we've changed our **eligibility criteria** to **prioritize low-income individuals, houseless individuals, and individuals with accessibility needs**. Fill out our [Gift a Geek Box application](#) in order to **apply for a computer** through our adoption program.

Bear in mind that these programs are seeing wait times of up to eight weeks due to the high volume of applications.

Future Skills Day with Intel- Saturday, February 6, 2021, 9am- 1pm

Below is the registration link.

FREE!

https://www.eventbrite.com/e/future-skills-day-with-intel-tickets-137541836335?ref=enivte001&invite=MjAyMDcyNTcva3N3YWluQHBwcy5uZXQvMA%3D%3D%0A&utm_source=eb_email&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=invitemodernv2&ref=enivte001&utm_term=attend

Manufacturing Pre-Apprenticeship (Please See Attached Flyer)

This is a training opportunity open to High School Seniors. This program supports youth with varying disabilities and learning styles. Hands on learning and licensing will take place during the summer of 2012. If students are interested they can reach out directly to Mrs. Kia Swain (kswain@pps.net) to schedule a meet or greet with the program coordinator for further questions.

A Message from our Wellness Center Coordinator & Social Worker
Caroline Bleckmann

Hello, Benson Tech Community:

Warm Winter clothing (coats, shoes, hats) and headphones are available for Benson students. Please see [this form](#) for more information!

Here are some links for people to search for additional help and resources. Please contact me any time and I'll do whatever I can to help people navigate!

www.findhelp.org

www.oregonuniteus.com

as well as 211info.org

[Drivers' Licenses for All](#), regardless of immigration status

[Oregon Renter's Rights](#)

[Eviction Moratorium Information](#)

[Rental declaration document](#)

Sincerely,

[Caroline Bleckmann, LCSW](#), She/her

School Social worker, Benson Polytechnic High School

[Benson Wellness Center](#)

Cell/Non-urgent texting: 503-729-3486

Monday-Friday, 8-4:00

[How can the School Social Worker help me?](#)

Outside of office hours, if you or your loved one is experiencing a mental health crisis, please call the Multnomah County Crisis line at 503-988-4888.

A Message from our Career Coordinator Miranda Ryan

Saturday Academy's ASE Program offers 9-11th grade students the opportunity to work with scientists and engineers for eight-weeks, full time during the summer

Spend Your Summer with ASE:

- Learn about scientific & engineering careers
- Enhance your college application
- Gain hands-on, professional experience
- Meet other students who love science & engineering
- Receive a \$1,000 stipend

APPLICATION DEADLINE IS FRIDAY, MARCH 5TH!

Contact ASE for more information: Call 503.200.5861 Email ase@saturdayacademy.org

How do I apply?

To apply, add internships to your locker at www.saturdayacademy.org/internships - from here you can start your application and create an ASE internship account. This allows you to save your progress.

Are you interested in exploring Forestry and Natural Resources careers? Do you want to learn about a variety of post-secondary options relating to Forestry? Register to attend PPS FORESTRY CAREER FOCUS EVENT!

Date of the Event: Tuesday, February 16, 2021 Time: 2:00pm-3:30pm

How to Register?

Pre-Registration is Required. Go to this [bit.ly](http://bit.ly/CFEForestry) link to register NOW! <http://bit.ly/CFEForestry>

Deadline to Register?

Deadline to submit your Registration is February 10th, 2021. You will receive notification when the event has closed or by 2/12/21.

Register today! Slots are limited.

Come to meet and learn about a variety of careers and post-secondary options relating to Forestry career

A Message from our Career Coordinator Miranda Ryan

Professional Skills Development Workshop Series Registration Link: <https://forms.gle/EZU4xHB5c1x6FuaY8>

2/4/21 How to land a Job 1:00-2:30

Learn about how to search, apply and prepare for a job. These tips and tricks will help you safely look for a position.

2/11/21 LinkedIn/ Build your Brand 1:00-2:30

This workshop is all about building an online brand and presenting yourself in a professional manner. Your online brand will help to build a network of professional connections

3/4/21 Resume Building 1:00-2:30

Get the latest information on how to effectively write and format job search documents, such as what information to include, how to create a targeted resume, and to illustrate how your qualifications "fit" with a position.

3/18/21 Interview Tips 1:00-2:30

Come learn the basics of interviewing and strategies to develop and improve your interview skills. We will discuss how to prepare for an interview, what employers expect, and how to handle the most common interview questions.

April 2021 Mock Interviews 1:00-3:00

Practice your interview skills with a professional. Get valuable advice to improve your chances of getting the job. Interview slots are limited. Interview times will occur between 1:00 and 3:00. Please register for a time as soon as possible.

Registration Link: <http://bit.ly/2021interviews>

A Message from our Career Coordinator Miranda Ryan

Future You 2 Go Career Presentations

Wednesday, February 3, 2021 from 1:00pm-1:45pm: [Post-Secondary Presentation](#)
-The Portland Community College Theatre Arts *Click to Join the session on*
Wednesday, February 3rd at 1:00 pm

Wednesday, February 3, 2021 from 3:00pm-3:45pm: [Career Presentation-Kerstin Motsch-Reiter, National Youth Programs and Partnerships Manager-Chicktech.](#)

Connected Careers: Education, Technology, Business.

[Click to Join the session on Wednesday, February 3rd at 3:00 pm](#)

PPS ENGINEERING CAREER FOCUS EVENT!

Learn about the role Engineers play in various industries

Explore skills that will help you prepare yourself for a successful future

Receive guidance from professionals as you discover the right path to a great career!

\$\$ - Additionally, attendees will be automatically entered to a Drawing for a \$200 Scholarship from the National Society of Black Engineers (NSBE) - \$\$

When?

Date of the Event: Thursday, February 25

Time: 1:00pm-2:30pm

How to Register?

Pre-Registration is Required. Click on this link to register NOW! <https://bit.ly/CFEEng>

Deadline to Register?

Deadline to submit your Registration is February 20th, 2021. You will be notified by February 22, 2021 of your acceptance into this event

A Message from our Career Coordinator Miranda Ryan

The Bodecker Foundation is pleased to announce their Winter 2021 schedule of FREE Virtual Workshops and Work Based Learning Academies for Portland-area high school students!

Led by professional artists, writers, musicians, designers and educators, these multidisciplinary creative workshops meet via Zoom on weekdays from 4-5:30pm. Workshops include a mix of online group activities and offline individual and/or collaborative project work. Class size is generally limited to 12 students. REGISTER NOW! Online registration is now open at www.bodeckerfound.org/workshop

Below is a list of Bodecker Foundation Winter Term workshops for easy understanding and sharing:

Lyric Writing with Chris Funk-Meets Mondays and Weds 4-5:30pm | February 1, 3, 8, 10, 15, 17

Truth and Dare: Back by Popular Demand with Laura Moulton Meets Mondays and Weds 4-5:30pm | February 8, 10, 15, 17, 22, 24

Socially Engaged Art with Patricia Vázquez Gómez Meets Tuesdays and Thursdays 4-5:30pm | February 9th, 11, 16, 18, 23, 25

Intermediate Songwriting with Chris Funk Meets Mondays and Weds 4-5:30pm | February 22, 24, March 1, 3, 8, 10, 15, 17

Time Capsule: Found Art Archives with May Maylisa Cat 03/01/2021 04:00 PM - 03/17/2021 05:30 PM PT

Audio Engineering: Mixing LIVE from Halfling Studio with Adam Lee Meets Tuesdays and Thursdays 4-5:30pm | March 2, 4, 9, 11, 16, 18

Miranda Ryan

Career Coordinator

Benson Polytechnic High School

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Career Website: <http://bit.ly/bensoncareers>

A Message from the BHS Attendance Office

We encourage students to attend on a regular basis. Studies show that missing more than one day per month can actually lead to poorer grades and contributes to dropping out of school.

Naturally, we understand that there are occasions that a student must miss a school day. When this happens it is important for you to contact the school to let us know the reason for the absence. Please remember to communicate directly with the attendance office if your student will be absent for any period of time during the school day. The best ways to let us know are, in order of school preference:

Send an email to the attendance office at benson-attendance@pps.net

Call the attendance line directly at 503-916-5109

Call the school main office number at 503-916-5100 - Select option 3

Send a note via your student excusing the absence

Always remember, we need the STUDENT NAME, ID# (if known) and REASON FOR THE ABSENCE. (Saying it is an excused absence does not give us the reason, please be specific) The Attendance Office will check messages and emails at 7:30am and throughout the school day.. The attendance phone line is continuously busy throughout the school day. An email provides a written message directly to the attendance office. The attendance office can excuse previous absences up to three days after the absence occurs. After the three days, corrections cannot be made.

You can monitor your child's attendance through ParentVUE. Contact the school if you do not know how to access ParentVUE.

Please continue on the next page.....

A Message from the BHS Attendance Office

If you do not communicate with the school, we cannot properly record your child's absence. If you have any questions regarding your child's attendance do not hesitate to email or call the attendance office. Please help us, help your student have a successful year here at Benson Tech.

With the advent of distance learning, there are some questions that have arisen. I am finding that the majority of questions regarding attendance are addressing asynchronous classes. The following is an explanation of how this and other attendance calls could be avoided.

Asynchronous days are not live sessions with the instructor. There are various ways your student can contact the teacher for attendance purposes.

They log on and just check in with the teacher.

They contact the teacher by emailing if they have any questions or need assistance with the assignment.

They complete the posted assignment and turn it in. The assignment cannot be turned in late to count toward attendance. While they may receive credit for turning it in late they would still be counted as absent if they don't contact the teacher in another way.

Their parent may email the attendance email at benson-attendance@pps.net to leave a valid reason for the absence (illness, appointment, etc.)

If you get a call saying your student has missed a period, I would correspond with the classroom teacher directly. I will always need authorization from the classroom teacher to correct an absence. By contacting the teacher directly, they can send me an email for a quick correction. This is also important because the State of Oregon mandates that I may not make corrections to attendance more than three school days prior to the current school date.

Norma L. Lawson

School/Attendance Secretary

Benson Polytechnic High School